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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

MS PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith.

A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language references is enclosed.

JP Patent No. 11-252891 corresponds to US Patent No. 6,157,103.

Applicant has not submitted copies of each cited U.S. patent and U.S. patent application as required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i), amended October 2004, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark

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Office has waived this requirement for all U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith

copies of foreign and non-patents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO/SB/08 is in the form

of an English language copy of a Search Report from a foreign patent office, issued in a

counterpart application, which refers to the relevant portions of the references.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement

shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information

as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this

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specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR

1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for

any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of

time fees.

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